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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Barry Anthony MURRER et al.

Serial No.: 08/913,960

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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION  
CONTAINING SELECTED  
LANTHANUM CARBONATE  
HYDRATES

Examiner: D. Jones

Group Art Unit: 1614

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 11 September 1998, time for response to which was set to expire 11 December 1998. The pending claims, claims 1-9 were rejected or objected to. The grounds for rejection have been carefully considered and following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.